

Title (en)  
ABSORBENT INTERLABIAL DEVICE HAVING PLEATED STRUCTURE

Title (de)  
ABSORBIERENDER INTERLABIALER ARTIKEL MIT EINER FALTENSTRUKTUR

Title (fr)  
DISPOSITIF INTERLABIAL ABSORBANT A STRUCTURE PLISEE

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[origin: WO9829075A1] Absorbent devices, and more particularly absorbent devices that are worn interlabially by female wearers for catamenial purposes, incontinence protection, or both, are disclosed. The absorbent interlabial device of the present invention comprises a main absorbent portion comprising a pleated structure and a pair of flexible extensions joined to the main absorbent portion. The main absorbent portion comprises an upper portion, and a lower portion opposed to the upper portion. In use, the upper portion is positioned furthest inward into the space between the wearer's labia majora. The pair of flexible extensions extends downwardly and laterally outward from the upper portion of the main absorbent portion, and preferably is capable of maintaining contact with the inside surfaces of the wearer's labia majora when the wearer's body goes through a range of motions, including squatting. Additionally, the flexible extensions are preferably capable of covering the fingertips of the wearer as the absorbent device is inserted into the interlabial space.

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